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**For Immediate Release**

The State Prosecutor has announced that on January 31, 2006, twenty-four (24) people and one business were charged, either civilly or criminally, with various election law violations.

**Failure to File Campaign Finance Reports:**

The State Prosecutor filed criminal charges in Anne Arundel County District Court against twenty-three (23) people for failing to file timely campaign finance reports to the State Board of Elections as required by law. Each person charged is facing one count of violating the Election Law Article, §13-304, which carries a maximum penalty of 1 year in jail and/or \$25,000 in fines. These charges result from a referral from the State Board of Elections. No court date has been established. The following is a list of those who were charged, and the city or town in which they reside:

Tom Kelly, Owings Mills, MD 20736  
Julie L. Spano, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732  
Thomas C. Devor, Houston TX, 77091  
Ginger C. Clay, Houston TX, 77091  
Christopher Panasuk, Glen Burnie, MD 21061  
Seth A. Rosenberg, Baltimore, MD 21207  
Linda M. Carpenter, Baltimore, MD 21211  
Natalie K. Austin, Baltimore, MD 21229  
Akesha Scott, Baltimore, MD 21229  
Elesia Bower, Dundalk, MD 21222  
Everlette L. Toomer, Suitland, MD 20746  
Antonio L. Hayes, Baltimore, MD 21216  
Kelly Williams, Baltimore, MD 21217  
Josephine Gilliam, Baltimore, MD 21213  
Shanae L. Williams, Baltimore, MD 21213  
Marva Jo Camp, Mitchellville, MD 20721  
Ernestine A. Camp, Mitchellville, MD 20721  
Michael L. Rious, Silver Spring, MD 20904  
Barbara A. Standard, Washington D.C. 20002  
William E. Chambers, Baltimore, MD 21230  
Michael W. Thompson, Baltimore, MD 21223  
Wilbert Wilson, Mitchellville, MD 20721

Shailender K. Gupta, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Illegal Transfer of Campaign Funds:

A civil citation was filed in Anne Arundel District Court against Senator Alex X. Mooney of Frederick County charging Senator Mooney with aiding and abetting his campaign finance committee's treasurer in making an illegal transfer of campaign finance funds. The maximum fine is \$5,000, but the pre-trial fine was set at \$4,000. No court date has been set.

The charge against Senator Mooney is a result of a \$10,000 transfer from Senator Mooney's campaign account on December 8, 2004 to The Republican Senatorial Slate of which Senator Mooney was not a member. The transfer was made by Senator Mooney's campaign treasurer at the instruction of Senator Mooney. Maryland Election Law Article, §13-227, limits such transfers to \$6,000. Under the Maryland Election Law statute, a civil citation may be issued if there was no criminal intent to violate the law.

Exceeding Campaign Contribution Limits:

A civil citation was filed in Anne Arundel County District Court against Chevy Chase Land Company, a Montgomery County corporation, for exceeding the amount of campaign contributions which can be made during an election cycle. Chevy Chase exceeded the \$10,000 limitation by \$1,050 during the election cycle that began on January 1, 2003. The statute provides a maximum fine of \$5,000. No trial date has been scheduled, but the pre-trial fine was set at \$1,050.

All those who have been identified in the press release are merely charged and are presumed innocent until and unless convicted in a court.